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New Mexico Labor Market Review

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HIGHLIGHTS

Recent labor force estimates indicate that the robust economic recovery experienced in New Mexico and generally nationwide since early 1983 has slowed considerably. The August estimates indicated only minor improvement in New Mexico's unemployment situation. The number of unemployed declined by 900 over the month and the state's jobless rate inched downward from 7.4 to 7.3 percent. New Mexico's unemployment rate has remained in this 7.0 to 7.5 percent range since dropping to a recession-recovery low of 6.8 percent this May. U.S. unemployment also saw little change in August. Although the Nation's actual unemployment rate decreased from 7.5 to 7.3 percent, the seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged at 7.5 percent.

Nonagricultural payroll employment in New Mexico increased by 2,400 jobs during August; however, much of the increase was normal seasonal movement. Gains were reported in construction, food manufacturing (chile processing), transportation (school bus drivers), and state and local government (non-contract public school employees). Trade posted a sizable increase in August as a major new Albuquerque department store ,Sanger Harris, opened and the labor intensive eating & drinking places sub-sector continued to expand. Small layoffs were reported during the month at three manufacturing firms, two in transportation equipment and one in lumber. A layoff also occurred at an Albuquerque federal government agency - normally this agency hires and reduces employment periodically during the year because of fluctuating workload.

Employment in New Mexico's nonagricultural industries has grown by 16,400 jobs during the last year. The trade and services sectors have accounted for approximately 65 percent of this growth, largely at general merchandise stores, food stores, restaurants, business services, health services, and lodging places. Construction was responsible for an additional 16 percent of the total growth, while the remainder was shared by mining, manufacturing, and finance & real estate. The 1,100 job growth in mining was entirely in coal and oil & gas extraction, and the bulk of manufacturing's increase of 900 was in the high tech area of electronic equipment.

AUGUST SUMMARY 1/

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	623,900	623,400	616,800	+ 500	+7,100
Employment	578,500	577,100	555,000	+1,400	+23,500
Unemployment	45,400	46,300	61,800	- 900	-16,400
Rate	7.3%	7.4%	10.0%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1984	Revised JUL 1984	Revised AUG 1983	Change From JUL 1984	Change From AUG 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	498,300	495,900	481,900	+2,400	+16,400
MINING	21,400	21,500	20,300	- 100	+ 1,100
Metal Mining	3,700	3,700	4,100	0	- 400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,300	4,400	3,500	- 100	+ 800
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,400	13,400	12,700	0	+ 700
CONSTRUCTION	38,700	38,300	36,100	+ 400	+ 2,600
MANUFACTURING	35,700	35,400	34,800	+ 300	+ 900
Durable Goods	22,700	23,100	21,800	- 400	+ 900
Lumber and Wood Products	2,600	2,700	2,400	- 100	+ 200
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	5,900	5,800	4,900	+ 100	+ 1,000
Transportation Equipment	3,300	3,500	3,500	- 200	- 200
Other Durable Goods	10,900	11,100	11,000	- 200	- 100
Nondurable Goods	13,000	12,300	13,000	+ 700	0
Food and Kindred Products	4,500	4,000	4,400	+ 500	+ 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,300	2,600	+ 100	- 200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,100	6,000	6,000	+ 100	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,400	28,300	28,300	+ 100	+ 100
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	+ 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,200	5,300	5,400	- 100	- 200
Other Transportation	3,900	3,500	3,300	+ 400	+ 600
Communication	7,300	7,400	7,600	- 100	- 300
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,700	9,700	- 100	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	119,500	117,900	113,200	+1,600	+ 6,300
Wholesale Trade	21,600	21,700	21,600	- 100	0
Durable Goods	12,400	12,500	12,600	- 100	- 200
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,000	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	97,900	96,200	91,600	+1,700	+ 6,300
General Merchandise Stores	11,800	11,300	10,400	+ 500	+ 1,400
Food Stores	14,300	14,300	13,100	0	+ 1,200
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,400	12,300	12,300	+ 100	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	35,400	34,500	33,100	+ 900	+ 2,300
Other Retail Trade	24,000	23,800	22,700	+ 200	+ 1,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	24,700	24,800	23,800	- 100	+ 900
Banking	8,600	8,600	8,300	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,600	5,500	- 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10,600	10,600	10,000	0	+ 600
SERVICES	107,500	107,800	103,100	- 300	+ 4,400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,700	11,800	11,100	- 100	+ 600
Personal Services	5,200	5,100	4,900	+ 100	+ 300
Business Services	23,400	23,500	22,100	- 100	+ 1,300
Health Services	26,200	26,200	25,500	0	+ 700
Social Services	6,900	6,900	6,600	0	+ 300
Membership Organizations	7,400	7,500	7,100	- 100	+ 300
Other Services	26,700	26,800	25,800	- 100	+ 900
GOVERNMENT	122,400	121,900	122,300	+ 500	+ 100
Federal	30,300	30,900	29,500	- 600	+ 800
State 2/	40,100	39,600	40,900	+ 500	- 800
Local	52,000	51,400	51,900	+ 600	+ 100

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate for August was 6.4 percent according to preliminary estimates. The number of people employed was 226,200, an increase of 800 over the month, while the number of unemployed was unchanged at 15,400.

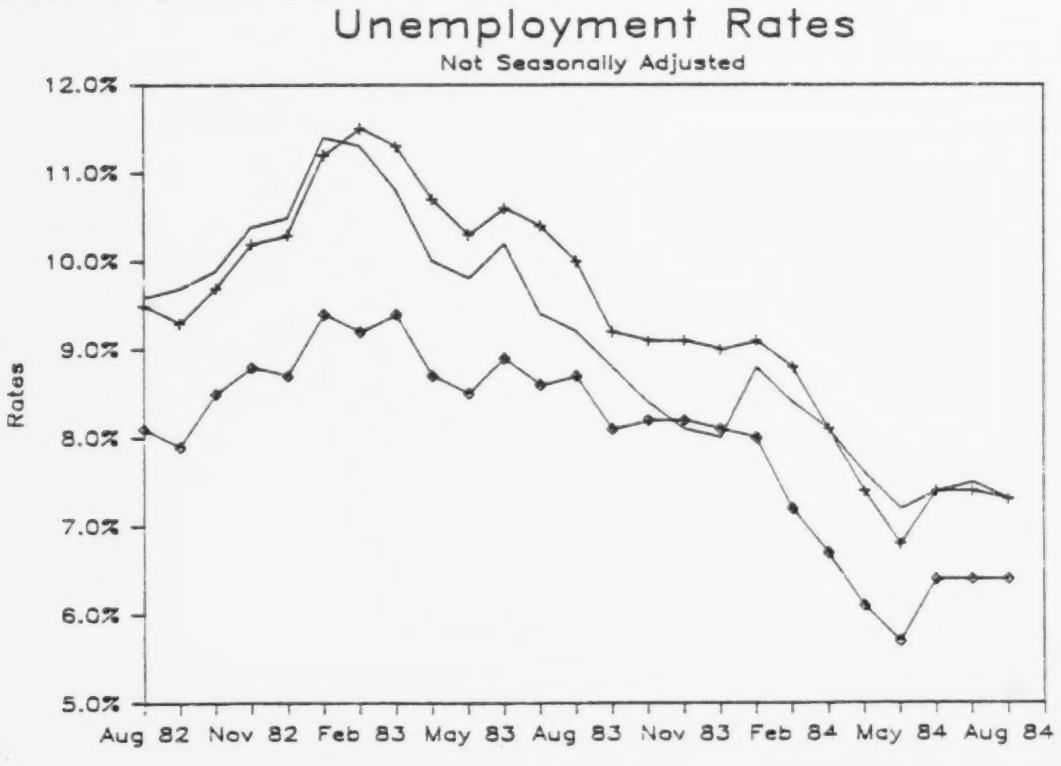
After approximately fourteen months of a generally downward trend, the area unemployment has leveled off. The rate has now remained at 6.4 percent for three consecutive months. However, in comparison with one year ago, Albuquerque's economic position has greatly improved. Total employment in the Bernalillo/Sandoval County area is up by 14,000, while the number of unemployed has dropped by 4,900.

Total nonagricultural employment increased by 1,000 jobs over the month, largely the result of seasonal changes. As expected this time of year, state educational institutions began rehiring for the fall semester, resulting in an increase in state government of 400 jobs. Offsetting this increase was a seasonal decline of 400 in federal government. Transportation added 200 jobs as school bus contractors began hiring for the fall. Nondurable goods manufacturing increased by 200 jobs, mostly due to normal gains in food processing. The 800 employment gain in the retail trade subsector was the result of the following changes: general merchandise stores, up 300 due largely to the opening of the Sanger Harris department store; eating and drinking places, due in part to the opening of several new restaurants; and other retail trade, mainly from the expansion of Winrock & Montgomery Plaza shopping centers and the opening of the new Alameda West shopping center.

AUGUST SUMMARY 1/

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	241,600	240,800	232,500	+ 800	+9,100
Employment	226,200	225,400	212,200	+ 800	+14,000
Unemployment	15,400	15,400	20,300	0	-4,900
Rate	6.4%	6.4%	8.7%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1984	Revised JUL 1984	Revised AUG 1983	AUG Change From JUL 1984	AUG Change From AUG 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	210,000	209,000	200,000	+1,000	+10,000
CONSTRUCTION	16,100	16,000	14,600	+ 100	+ 1,500
MANUFACTURING	19,700	19,500	18,500	+ 200	+ 1,200
Durable Goods	13,900	13,900	13,000	0	+ 900
Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,600	5,500	+ 200	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,400	11,200	11,300	+ 200	+ 100
Transportation	5,100	4,900	5,000	+ 200	+ 100
Communication	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	53,400	52,600	50,600	+ 800	+ 2,800
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,200	13,100	- 100	0
Durable Goods	8,400	8,500	8,400	- 100	0
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Retail Trade	40,300	39,400	37,500	+ 900	+ 2,800
General Merchandise Stores	4,500	4,200	3,800	+ 300	+ 700
Food Stores	4,500	4,500	4,100	0	+ 400
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Eating and Drinking Places	15,400	15,000	14,600	+ 400	+ 800
Other Retail Trade	11,500	11,300	10,600	+ 200	+ 900
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,500	12,600	12,000	- 100	+ 500
Banking	3,300	3,300	3,100	0	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,500	3,400	- 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,800	5,800	5,500	0	+ 300
SERVICES and MINING	53,600	53,800	50,700	- 200	+ 2,900
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,400	3,300	3,100	+ 100	+ 300
Health Services	12,800	12,900	12,100	- 100	+ 700
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,500	0	+ 300
Membership Organizations	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	32,700	32,900	31,200	- 200	+ 1,500
GOVERNMENT	43,300	43,300	42,300	0	+ 1,000
Federal	13,000	13,400	12,500	- 400	+ 500
State	11,000	10,600	11,100	+ 400	- 100
Local	19,300	19,300	18,700	0	+ 600

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1984	Revised JUL 1984	Revised AUG 1983	AUG Change From JUL 1984	AUG Change From AUG 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	32,250	31,600	30,325	+650	+1,925
CONSTRUCTION	2,975	2,950	1,850	+ 25	+1,125
MANUFACTURING	3,400	3,175	3,050	+225	+ 350
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,250	1,125	1,175	+125	+ 75
Transportation	525	425	450	+100	+ 75
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	725	700	725	+ 25	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,450	7,350	6,050	+100	+1,400
Wholesale Trade	775	775	900	0	- 125
Retail Trade	6,675	6,575	5,150	+100	+1,525
General Merchandise Stores	800	800	775	0	+ 25
Food Stores	1,225	1,200	675	+ 25	+ 550
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	800	800	775	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,500	2,425	1,875	+ 75	+ 625
Other Retail Trade	1,350	1,350	1,050	0	+ 300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,400	1,375	1,225	+ 25	+ 175
SERVICES & MINING	4,800	4,775	4,175	+ 25	+ 625
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	650	0	- 50
Business Services	725	725	300	0	- 75
Health Services	1,225	1,200	825	+ 25	+ 400
Social Services	350	350	350	0	0
Other Services & Mining	1,900	1,900	1,550	0	+ 350
GOVERNMENT	10,975	10,850	12,800	+125	-1,825
Federal	4,525	4,525	4,375	-100	+ 150
State	3,125	3,125	4,250	0	-1,125
Local	3,325	3,100	4,175	+225	- 850

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 1984	JUL 1984	AUG 1983	AUG 1984	JUL 1984	AUG 1983	AUG 1984	JUL 1984	AUG 1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$479.76	$474.73	$475.58	41.9	41.9	42.5	$11.45	$11.33	$11.19
CONSTRUCTION	380.13	395.67	386.65	36.1	36.4	37.0	10.53	10.87	10.45
MANUFACTURING	329.65	333.26	300.96	40.3	40.2	39.6	8.18	8.29	7.60
Durable Goods	339.47	346.72	311.18	40.9	40.6	40.1	8.30	8.54	7.76
Nondurable Gds	308.88	301.06	276.91	39.0	39.2	38.3	7.92	7.68	7.23
COMM and UTIL	444.37	435.54	364.43	42.2	42.0	36.7	10.53	10.37	9.93
TRADE *	262.02	263.52	251.69	35.6	36.0	35.6	7.36	7.32	7.07
BANKING	196.71	209.86	197.17	36.7	39.3	37.7	5.36	5.34	5.23
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$327.53	$316.81	$289.06	39.7	39.9	38.8	$8.25	$7.94	$7.45

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE: Mountain Bell announced plans to construct a $14.3 million fiber optics communications network, extending 340 miles from Los Alamos to Las Cruces. Preliminary construction of the network is already underway, and completion is expected by late 1986.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: The University of New Mexico Engineering Research Institute has signed a $41.4 million contract with the U.S. Air Force to continue civil engineering research at Kirtland Air Force Base. The contract will support about 200 employees for a three-to-five year period. The Lovelace Medical Foundation and Hospital Corporation has submitted plans to state officials for a new Lovelace Medical Center. The center, expected to open by the spring of 1987, will include a new four-story hospital along with renovated clinic and administrative offices at Lovelace's current Gibson S.E. location. The project is expected to cost about $42.5 million. The I-40 and I-25 intersection will receive a $25 million facelift over the next five years. The project includes adding a second southbound lane on I-25, relocating the off-ramp at the I-25 Menaul-Candelaria exit, and combining and extending the Lomas-Grand off-ramps on I-25. Sperry Flight Systems in Albuquerque was awarded a $4.5 million government contract to produce spare parts for the F-15 jet. A new Bealls clothing store is scheduled to open in the Alameda West Shopping Center in early October. The 23,000-square-foot store will be one of 126 Bealls stores in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Martinez Custom Trailers Incorporated was awarded a $2.6 million contract with the U.S. Army Tank and Automotive Command to build 199 trailers. The contract should result in the addition of about 25 employees to the firm's current work force of 50. The Heights General Hospital laid off 55 workers in September due to a decline in hospital occupancy. Hospital occupancy throughout the nation has declined in the last year because of pressures to contain healthcare cost and a new Medicare reimbursement system. VAWTPOWER Inc., a New Mexico-based manufacturer of electricity-generating vertical-axis wind turbines (VAWT), dedicated a 21,000-square-foot headquarters and production facility in September. VAWTPOWER, located in Rio Rancho, employs about 40 people and expects to increase that number to more than 50 by year's end. Construction has started on the $300 million expansion of the Intel Corporation plant. The 450,000-square-foot semi-conducter manufacturing addition is due to be completed by spring 1986. The expansion is expected to provide up to 1,200 additional jobs. AmeriWest Corporation is planning a $4.5 million renovation of the old Mountain Bell building at Sixth and Silver SW. The renovation will include underground parking, first floor retail stores and restaurants, and three floors of office space. American Telephone and Telegraph Company has selected Albuquerque over 25 other cities for a telemarketing operation. The new operation started in July with 30 employees, and AT&T officials expect it to employ 300 people within two years.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Wal-Mart Stores Incorporated officials announced plans to open a 50,000-square-foot discount department store in Ruidoso which will employ approximately 100 persons. Wal-Mart currently has stores in Hobbs and Roswell; and, in addition to the Ruidoso facility, new stores are planned for Las Cruces, Carlsbad, and Taos. An El Paso firm, McCormick Construction Inc., was awarded a $2.3 million contract for sewer line improvements in the Ponderosa Heights area of Ruidoso. White Sands Missile Range gave a $2.5 million contract for instrument calibration and repair to Cortez III Service Corp. of Alamogordo. Construction started on a $3.9 million Quality Care nursing home in Alamogordo. Ruidoso Downs race track

closed for its 1984 racing season on September 3.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: The Bureau of Reclamation is scheduled to open bids for construction of Brantley Dam on October 18, 1984. The long planned project, located on the Pecos River between Artesia and Carlsbad, is expected to cost in excess of $50 million and take approximately 4 1/2 years to complete. Project work will include construction of an earth-filled dam approximately 20,000 feet long and 110 feet high, a concrete dam structure 730 feet long and 112 feet high, and various other structural and road work. A Carlsbad construction firm, Richardson and Richardson Inc., was the low bidder of $620,000 for improvements at the Living Desert State Park. The new Furrs, Inc. grocery store in Artesia is scheduled to open in mid-October.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Inn Keepers of New Mexico, which operates Econo Lodges in Hobbs and Carlsbad, is planning to construct an 80-unit facility in Clovis. A new Albertson's food store is scheduled to open in Clovis in October. Work started on the new $1.3 million Curry County Juvenile Detention Center in Clovis.

DEMING/LORDSBURG AREA: Border Foods Inc. began its seasonal chili processing operation at the Deming Airport Industrial Park. Border Foods employs about 350 workers from late August until mid-October canning and processing nine million pounds of chili, most of it grown in the Deming/Las Cruces area. The City of Lordsburg received a $500,000 State Community Development Block grant to establish a manufactured housing plant to be operated by Marino Services Co., Inc. The housing plant is projected to employ 50 persons within six to nine months.

FARMINGTON AREA: The San Juan County Commission approved a bid of about $4.5 million to construct a covered grandstand at San Juan Downs. The Midcon Company will build the 69,761-square-foot facility, with completion scheduled by the opening of the track's 1985 season.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: Vale Industries, a California plastics manufacturing firm, is planning to open a manufacturing plant in Grants-Milan. The company expects to employ about 20 people initially manufacturing flashlights. Homestake Mining Company laid off about 70 mill and general office employees in September. Homestake, which employed a high of about 825 employees in 1979,now employs about 250 people in its uranium mining operations.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: According to recently released figures from the State Taxation and Revenue Department, Lea County accounted for approximately 75 percent of the oil production in New Mexico during 1983. The county produced 54.8 million barrels of oil during 1983, an increase of 4.5 million barrels over the previous year. Lasco Construction of Hobbs was the low bidder of $1.5 million for construction of a new state office building in Hobbs.

LAS CRUCES AREA: A $2.4 million office building, which will be the new home of Dona Ana Savings and Loan Association, is under construction on Church St. in Las Cruces. A $700,000 expansion project at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Las Cruces is underway which will include 32 additional rooms and major renovation of the existing facilities. Popular Dry Goods Co. Inc., located in the Downtown Mall, will undergo approximately $1 million in renovations and expansion beginning in December. Wallin Construction Co. of Albuquerque began work on the $3.8 million project to convert the former Carrie Tingley Hospital in Truth or Consequences into a Veterans Administration Domiciliary Home. The 186-bed facility is expected to open in August 1985 with about 60 employees.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Mora County received a Community Development Block Grant for about $262,000 which will be used to aid two local businesses: Garcia's Wood Saver, a wood heating manufacturing and marketing company; and Barela Timer Management, a forest products production company. The two businesses are expected to create about 20 permanent jobs. An Arby's restaurant is scheduled to open in Las Vegas in October with about 50 employees.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Western States Mechanical Contractors of Santa Fe was awarded a contract of about $1 million to construct an experimental tunnel and service building at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

RATON AREA: The La Mesa race track will close for the season on September 30, resulting in the layoff of approximately 250 workers. Gateway Metal Products laid off about 20 workers for a one week period in early September.

ROSWELL AREA: A group of local businessmen have leased 210 acres at the former federal desalinization research site east of Roswell for the location of an inland shrimp farm, which is expected to produce 200,000 pounds of shrimp per year. The new facility is expected to employ approximately 10 full-time staff and 60 to 80 seasonal workers during harvests.

SANTA FE AREA: Work is progressing on the Hotel Eldorado, a $20 million, 225-room luxury hotel at San Francisco and Sandoval Streets. The facility will have a 180-room restaurant and a 200-car underground parking garage. The hotel will employ a staff of approximately 200 when it opens in October 1985. Thomas-Nydes Properties Inc. is adding 14,000 additional square feet to its St. Michael's Village Shopping Center. Work started on the first phase of Los Barrancas, an 83-unit single family residence project at Gonzales Road and East Palace Ave. The first phase is expected to cost about $2.5 million. Several large construction projects in Santa Fe are scheduled for completion this fall. The $10 million Santa Fe Auto Park will open in November. The auto park covers 36.5 fenced and landscaped acres occupied by five different automobile retail facilities. Work on the 260-unit Shadowridge Apartments on Viento Dr. is expected to be finished by the end of November. The 120-room Western Six Motel on Cerrillos Rd. will open in November. The 126-bed, $2.5 million Hielhaven Nursing Home is scheduled for completion by late November. The nursing home will have a staff of approximately 100 persons.

TAOS AREA: The Carson National Forest anticipates that their seasonal layoffs will start the latter part of September. The Taos Ski Valley plans to hire two to three persons a week from now until ski season starts in late November. The ski area now employs about 100 people. The Questa Molycorp mine expansion is on schedule, and about 10,000 tons of molybdenum ore is leaving the mine daily. Molycorp currently employs about 850 people, and within two years the mine is projected to employ about 900 producing about 18,000 tons of ore per day. A 51,000-square-foot Wal-Mart store is scheduled to open in Taos in the fall of 1985. Construction of the new store should start next spring.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

August 1984 CPI-U - 313.0 (Base 1967=100)

CPI-W - 310.3

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1984 1/				REVISED JULY 1984 1/				REVISED AUGUST 1983 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	623,917	578,533	45,384	7.3%	623,395	577,072	46,323	7.4%	616,773	554,968	61,805	10.0%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	241,592	226,179	15,413	6.4%	240,760	225,366	15,394	6.4%	232,469	212,175	20,294	8.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	42,270	38,742	3,528	8.3%	41,875	38,368	3,507	8.4%	41,376	37,540	3,836	9.3%
Catron	1,047	956	91	8.7%	1,098	1,002	96	8.7%	1,039	953	86	8.3%
Chaves	24,988	23,380	1,608	6.4%	25,360	23,745	1,615	6.4%	24,558	22,462	2,096	8.5%
Cibola	11,627	10,009	1,618	13.9%	11,857	9,925	1,932	16.3%	11,827	9,529	2,298	19.4%
Colfax	7,462	6,953	509	6.8%	7,424	6,909	515	6.9%	7,819	6,823	996	12.7%
Curry	15,505	14,537	968	6.2%	15,695	14,628	1,067	6.8%	15,649	14,367	1,282	8.2%
De Baca	1,045	996	49	4.7%	1,049	994	55	5.2%	1,086	1,018	68	6.3%
Eddy	23,492	21,572	1,920	8.2%	23,602	21,581	2,021	8.6%	25,284	20,860	4,424	17.5%
Grant	9,419	8,390	1,029	10.9%	9,301	8,300	1,001	10.8%	10,015	8,273	1,742	17.4%
Guadalupe	1,436	1,367	69	4.8%	1,459	1,383	76	5.2%	1,573	1,443	130	8.3%
Harding	619	594	25	4.0%	610	584	26	4.3%	638	612	26	4.1%
Hidalgo	2,404	2,300	104	4.3%	2,413	2,294	119	4.9%	2,555	2,328	227	8.9%
Lea	32,228	30,978	1,250	3.9%	32,247	30,989	1,258	3.9%	32,990	30,599	2,391	7.2%
Lincoln	9,488	9,163	325	3.4%	9,462	9,159	303	3.2%	9,166	8,854	312	3.4%
Los Alamos	11,855	11,609	246	2.1%	11,625	11,435	190	1.6%	10,893	10,615	278	2.6%
Luna	5,329	4,832	497	9.3%	5,088	4,525	563	11.1%	5,456	4,823	633	11.6%
McKinley	17,036	15,246	1,790	10.5%	17,194	15,276	1,918	11.2%	18,291	15,391	2,900	15.9%
Mora	1,068	797	271	25.4%	1,115	830	285	25.6%	1,107	782	325	29.4%
Otero	15,749	14,685	1,064	6.8%	15,663	14,650	1,013	6.5%	15,298	14,101	1,197	7.8%
Quay	5,331	4,945	386	7.2%	5,380	4,983	397	7.4%	5,662	5,156	506	8.9%
Rio Arriba	10,857	9,257	1,600	14.7%	11,229	9,528	1,701	15.1%	11,192	9,298	1,894	16.9%
Roosevelt	7,248	6,931	317	4.4%	7,325	6,997	328	4.5%	7,545	7,128	417	5.5%
San Juan	38,327	34,028	4,299	11.2%	38,210	33,803	4,407	11.5%	37,863	32,082	5,781	15.3%
San Miguel	8,763	7,685	1,078	12.3%	8,688	7,602	1,086	12.5%	8,531	7,433	1,098	12.9%
Santa Fe	43,556	41,478	2,078	4.8%	43,605	41,515	2,090	4.8%	42,841	40,183	2,658	6.2%
Sierra	2,547	2,434	113	4.4%	2,555	2,457	98	3.8%	2,597	2,437	160	6.2%
Socorro	4,892	4,525	367	7.5%	4,852	4,453	399	8.2%	4,793	4,411	382	8.0%
Taos	10,769	9,186	1,583	14.7%	10,738	9,068	1,670	15.6%	10,937	9,148	1,789	16.4%
Torrance	2,398	2,221	177	7.4%	2,404	2,227	177	7.4%	2,330	2,217	113	4.8%
Union	2,542	2,446	96	3.8%	2,586	2,469	117	4.5%	2,440	2,301	139	5.7%
Valencia	11,028	10,112	916	8.3%	10,926	10,027	899	8.2%	10,953	9,626	1,327	12.1%

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